

Why are you seeking this office? What improvements would you make? What is your platform?

I have always had an interest in politics and I've always looked at ways to get involved and be a part of the conservative movement. I was fortunate to have a nice upbringing in a different Cleveland suburb and I want to make Lakewood a good, safe community for all residents like the one I enjoyed growing up in.

I would like to bring economic development to the city of Lakewood, raising our tax base. After the city receives an influx of extra tax revenues, I would like to pass that off to residents with a tax cut.

I am running on economic development because I think when developers have good ideas we should listen to them and make it easy for development. I am also running on housing with respect towards making sure codes and zoning is adhered to. Additionally, I want to continue to provide great services. I am a business analyst and I look at ways to increase revenues and decrease costs and I want to take that same approach to city government and our services

Have you ever worked as a political lobbyist or undertaken lobbying activities? If yes, please note dates, the political entity lobbied and subject of that lobbying.

No

How would you improve communication between city council and constituents?

City Council members could have virtual town halls via skype or zoom where constituents could email in questions and the city council members answer them through a video chat.

Please list one great challenge and one great opportunity facing Lakewood in the coming years, and how you'd prioritize it on council.

One challenge for Lakewood is the revamp of the sewer system along the coastline of Lake Erie. I would prioritize “buy-in” from the state and federal officials whose districts encompass Lakewood so the officials are able to procure dollars for the project. I would stress to Lakewood constituents that they should make their voices heard to the state and federal officials to make the project revamp run as smooth as possible.

With assets like a great school system, Lake Erie shoreline, and proximity to downtown, Lakewood has the opportunity to make itself the “gem suburb” of Cleveland. Lakewood should not move in a direction that restricts free market forces. Allowing supply and demand to determine property values and real estate prices can bring in tax revenues that give Lakewood the potential to be the envy of Cleveland suburbs.

Opening statement on your candidacy (200 words):

I will bring an outside perspective to Lakewood city governance and provide a balance and check on the left leaning proposals my potential colleagues will submit. I have the ability to analyze both sides of an issue and can advocate for moderate solutions that won't completely alienate parts of the citizenry. Communities work best when all sides have a voice and other points of view are taken into consideration. I can provide a unique, business-oriented perspective that can shape Lakewood and take Lakewood in a positive direction. Issues at the local level of government should have wide consensus – good schools, safe streets, and excellent services. With my background and skill set, I can find ways for Lakewood to maintain and exceed these goals. It is also important for me to ensure Lakewood enjoys superior schools, safety, and services because I grew up in a city that had these features and it would be very rewarding for me to give back and advocate for Lakewood.